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Subject: Resource Spreadsheet in Response to Current Events

Dear Professor/Faculty Member,

We hope this email finds you well. Our names are <u>Daleelah Saleh</u> and <u>Andrés Oyaga</u>, and we are both rising sophomores at <u>Midd</u>. Recent instances of police brutality against Black Americans have sparked a nationwide conversation about racial injustices, the intersectionality of systemic oppression, and the role that we all play in perpetuating such systems. We have witnessed a lot of our friends engaging in dialogue about this, and protesting in the streets. And we, like many of the people around us, have found ourselves asking: what can we do to help? How can we create change?

Thus, we decided to create a resource for all those who see injustice in the world around us and feel helpless, outraged, and moved to action-- but don't know where to start. By producing a "Master List" of sorts, we hope that we can provide people with easy access to a wide variety of resources as a means to fully educate themselves about the issues around us. After all, education is everything, and knowledge is power, as you know. This document will by no means be comprehensive, but we're aiming to collect as many resources as possible! To make this document more intersectional, we've included different sheets based on different identities/systems of oppression. We want to address race/racism in different communities, as well as colonialism, classism, sexism/homophobia, (dis)ability/ableism, and islamophobia. If you want to access the document, click here.

Given that we are not experts in these fields, we are seeking your help! We humbly ask if you could please share resources you find to be impactful. Types of resources include: books, articles/academic papers, videos/films/ty shows/podcasts to watch and listen to, social media accounts to follow, and organizations to donate to. We recognize that we are all in the midst of a pandemic on top of everything else. So, in order to make this as easy as possible, we'd appreciate it if you sent us required readings lists from classes that you feel are relevant to some of the topics mentioned above. If you have the capacity to contribute further, we recommend emailing us your top ten resources (or as many as you'd like!).

We are also open to any feedback or suggestions you might have (other professors/people to reach out to, other categories to consider in order to make the spreadsheet more effective, etc). Ultimately, our goal is to share this with as many people as possible, within the Middlebury community as well as our own communities at home.

We thank you for taking the time to read this email and look forward to hearing back from you. We also thank you for all the work you do on a daily basis to teach us students and widen our perspectives and understanding of the world around us. We are so grateful.

Long story short: We're compiling a spreadsheet of helpful resources to further our education in relation to systemic oppression and social justice, and we would love your help!

With peace + In solidarity,

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